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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Takashi KATO et al. )  
Application No.: 09/820,710 )  
Filed: March 30, 2001 )  
For: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM )  
AND PROJECTION EXPOSURE )  
APPARATUS )

Examiner: A. Amari  
Group Art Unit: 2872  
Allowed: September 10, 2002  
Confirmation No.: 4428  
December 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 11-13 and 44-46, and ADD new claims 47-55, as follows. A  
marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached in  
Appendix A. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending in this application  
have been reproduced below:

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.


☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	MINUS	20	= 9	x \$9 \$18	\$162.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$42 \$84	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140/\$280						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$162.00

- ☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$902.00 is enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee and additional claims fee.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a one month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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